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H.B. No. 2715

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to a study by the Texas A&M Transportation Institute on
3 motor-assisted scooters.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. DEFINITION. In this Act, "motor-assisted
6 scooter" has the meaning assigned by Section [551.351](#),
7 Transportation Code.

8 SECTION 2. STUDY AND REPORT. (a) The Texas A&M
9 Transportation Institute, in consultation with the Texas
10 Department of Transportation, shall conduct a study on the use of
11 motor-assisted scooters.

12 (b) The study must examine:

13 (1) the legal definition and existing local regulation
14 of motor-assisted scooters;

15 (2) the liability issues related to motor-assisted
16 scooter use and accidents;

17 (3) the operation of motor-assisted scooters,
18 including:

19 (A) safety standards;

20 (B) interaction with pedestrians;

21 (C) shared infrastructure; and

22 (D) operator qualifications;

23 (4) the economic impact of motor-assisted scooters,
24 including any burdens on or benefits to local governments;

- 1 (5) accessibility of motor-assisted scooters;
- 2 (6) motor-assisted scooters' impact on public
- 3 transportation;
- 4 (7) the social norms of motor-assisted scooter use,
- 5 including motor-assisted scooter etiquette; and
- 6 (8) how motor-assisted scooters have been and may be
- 7 integrated into the overall transportation system.

8 (c) Not later than December 1, 2020, the Texas A&M
9 Transportation Institute shall submit to the legislature a report
10 on the findings of the study conducted under this section.

11 SECTION 3. EXPIRATION. This Act expires January 1, 2021.

12 SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
13 1, 2019.